

Washington, DC—Today, Congressman Olver voted against H.R. 2401, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act. The TRAIN Act would block and indefinitely delay two important clean air regulations—the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.

“The Republican majority in the House of Representatives has launched an all-out assault against clean air standards in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. Since gaining control of the House, Republicans have forced 28 votes to block actions to prevent air and water pollution. They started their attack in the Fiscal Year 2012 Interior Appropriations bill, which attempts to de-regulate carbon emissions and would block the regulation of air pollutants. Now they are moving the TRAIN Act this week, which would prohibit the EPA from finalizing the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards and implementing the cross-state air pollution rule,” said Congressman John Olver.

“I will continue to fight for strict air quality standards based on sound scientific research to ensure that the air residents of the First District breathe is healthy and safe,” Olver added.

The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) were proposed by the EPA in March of 2011 to reduce power plant emissions of toxic air pollutants. In July of 2011, the EPA finalized the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) which requires 27 states in the eastern, central and southern United States to reduce power plant emissions that pollute the air in downwind states.

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